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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. TWO DEVELOPMENTS AT UN MAY THREATEN AGREEMENT

A. IN A "MANIC STATE", EGYPTIAN UN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MEGUID DEMANDED THAT THE UNEF REPRESENTATIVE, GENERAL SIILASVUO, FORCE THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL TROOPS TO THE OCTOBER 22 POSITIONS AND EVACUATE SUEZ. IF NOT ACCOMPLISHED, EGYPT WOULD RESUME THE WAR. IMPLICIT WAS THE THREAT TO DEMAND A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING SOMETIME SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HAS SO AROUSED THE EGYPTIANS AND FEELS THE UN IS IN AN IMPOSSIBLE POSITION. WALDHEIM HAS RELUCTANTLY ASKED THE SECRETARY TO CONTACT THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WITHOUT DELAY. (SECRET) USUN 4636, 11/10 (EXDIS).

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B. ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN BELIEVES MEGUID'S APPROACH TO WALDHEIM IS AN ATTEMPT TO RE-WRITE THE AGREEMENT BEFORE IT IS SIGNED. IN A MATTER OF FACT TONE, EBAN INFORMED AMBASSADOR SCALI THAT ISRAELI

- - - ATTEND TODAY'S SCHEDULED
REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT ATTEND TODAY'S SCHEDULED
MEETING TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT "BECAUSE OF SABBATH."
ISRAEL WILL INSTEAD SIGN ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11. AN
ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICER TOOK THE POSITION WITH USUN
THAT EGYPTIAN "EXCITEMENT" WAS OUTDATED AND THAT THE
ISRAELI/EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT WAS "ON SCHEDULE."
(CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 4638, 11/10 (EXDIS).

2. ISRAEL PONDERES CEASE-FIRE

THE ISRAELI CABINET CONCLUDED A LONG MEETING ON NOV-
EMBER 9 AND ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THAT
ISRAEL'S "POSITIVE POSITION REGARDING THE SIGNING OF
A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT IS STILL IN EFFECT." IT WAS
FURTHER STATED THAT CONTACTS WITH THE US ARE CON-
TINUING. (UNCLASSIFIED) FBIS 146, 11/9.

3. FRENCH DEFEND NOVEMBER 9 EC ME DECLARATION

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A QUAI OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT THE EC
MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 9 WAS RELATED
DIRECTLY TO THE PROBLEM OF OIL SUPPLIES FOR EC
MEMBERS THREATENED BY THE ARAB EMBARGO. HE SUGGESTED
THAT THE DECLARATION WILL PERMIT AN INFORMAL SOLUTION
OF THE PROBLEM. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE DECLARATION
PUTS THE ARABS ON NOTICE THAT THEIR PERFORMANCE NOW
WILL DETERMINE HOW FORTHCOMING THE EC NINE WILL BE IN
GIVING THEM TRADE ADVANTAGES IN THE COMMON MARKET.
(CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 28959, 11/9 (LIMDIS).

4. JAPANESE AWAIT SECRETARY KISSINGER

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EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO TAKE ACTION TO
ALLEVIATE THE IMPENDING OIL SUPPLY CRISIS. THE
FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN USING THE OCCASION OF
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UPCOMING VISIT TO HOLD THE
LINE AGAINST SUCH DRASTIC PRO-ARAB MOVES AS
BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. IF THE SECRETARY
CAN ASSURE THE JAPANESE THAT PROGRESS IS TAKING
PLACE TOWARD A SETTLEMENT WHICH PROMISES FULL
RESUMPTION OF OIL EXPORTS IN A REASONABLE TIME,
THE JAPANESE MAY BE ABLE TO LIMIT THEIR ACTION TO
A MODEST STEP SUCH AS SENDING A POLITICAL EMISSARY
TO THE ARABS WITH OFFERS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION.
(SECRET) TOKYO 14664, 11/9.

5. THAI FACE NEW PRIORITIES

HAVING SUCCEEDED IN RESTORING PUBLIC ORDER AFTER THE RECENT COUP, THAILAND'S NEW SANYA GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONCENTRATING ON OTHER PROBLEMS. EMBASSY BANGKOK SEES THE FIRST PRIORITY AS THE PROMULGATION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION AND THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS. OTHER PRIORITIES INCLUDE DISMANTLING THE FORMER LEADERS' POWER, CONTROLLING INFLATION, REFORMING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND CREATING AN IMAGE OF RESPONSIVENESS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BANGKOK 17555, 11/9.

6. DOMESTIC POLITICS WEIGH ON CHOU'S MIND

CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG SEES MOUNTING EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND CONTROVERSY OVER DOMESTIC POLITICS IN THE PRC, INCLUDING SIGNS POINTING TO PREMIER CHOU AS A TARGET OF CRITICISM. HOWEVER, THE VIGOR OF CHOU'S LEADERSHIP PERFORMANCE, HIGHLY VISIBLE IN APPEARANCES WITH FOREIGN GUESTS, REMAINS UNCHANGED, AND THERE SEEMS NO LIKELIHOOD NOW OF AN EARLY DECLINE IN HIS POLITICAL POWER. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 11268, 11/9.

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7. DACCA VIEWS PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH IMPASSE

EMBASSY DACCA RECOMMENDS THAT THE US NOT BECOME INVOLVED AS A BROKER IN THE CURRENT PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH IMPASSE. BANGLADESH FEELS THAT PAKISTAN HAS GONE BACK ON THE DELHI AGREEMENT BY AGAIN LINKING THE BANGLADESH RENUNCIATION OF WAR CRIMES TRIALS WITH PAKISTANI AGREEMENT TO BANGLADESH UN MEMBERSHIP. BANGLADESH PRIME MINISTER MUJIBER RAHMAN WANTS NO FURTHER COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUE, AND A US EFFORT TO MEDIATE COULD WELL BACKFIRE AND FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO MUJIB'S RIGIDITY. (CONFIDENTIAL) DACCA 4908, LL/9. RUSH

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